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[Despatch Abstract.]

[illegible] - Supplementary estimate of expenditure [illegible] - Creation of poet laureates, etc - Papers recorded.

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

GRANT XV - EDUCATION.

Estimate of the amount required for further expenditure.

Voted. Rs. 7,300.

Total of sums charged. NIL.

SUMMARY.

Major head.	Minor head.	Sub-heads of appropriation.	Estimated amount of further expenditure for 1947-48.	
			Charged.	Voted.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
37-Education-r-General.	Miscellaneous-A-General.	(i)Excluding Post-War Reconstruction-8-Other grants.	NIL	7,300.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

Grant towards the publication of the Malayalam Lexicon by the Travancore Government:-(a) In 1946, the University of Travancore applied to this Government for a grant towards the publication of a Malayalam Lexicon, at the rate of Rs. 5,000/- per year for a period of 8 years. The estimated total cost of the work to the Travancore Govt. is about Rs. 2 lakhs. The University of Travancore has approached the Government of Cochin also for a grant at the rate of Rs. 3,000/- a year for a period of 8 years. After deducting the grants applied for from this Government and ~~that~~ the Government of Cochin, the balance of expenditure on this work comes to Rs. 1,36,000/- which the Travancor University proposes to meet from its own funds. The Director of Public Instruction recommends the payment of grant by this Government at the rate of Rs. 5,000/- a year for a period of eight years. As the work undertaken by the University of Travancore is one of great interest to the Malayalee population in this Presidency, this Governmen sanctioned the payment of an annual grant of Rs. 5,000/- for a period of three years in the first instance to the University of Travancore towards the cost of preparation and publication of the Malayalam Lexicon subject to the condition that the Travancore University supplie free of cost this Government 100 copies of the lexicon on its completion and the position renewed at the end of the third year. The cost of the scheme at present comes to Rs. 15,000/-. The expenditure likely to be incurred during 1947-48 is Rs. 5,000/-.

(b) Grant towards endowment lectures in Lucknow University:-

Dr. Radha Kumud Mookerji, a distinguished educationalist, appealed to this Government for making a grant in support of a Lectureship endowed in the Lucknow University, in Indian History and Civilisation. The Government sanctioned as a special case a grant of Rs. 250/- for each of the years 1947-48 and 1948-49 in support of the lectureship. The total expenditure involved is Rs. 500/- and the expenditure in 1947-48 is Rs. 250/-.

(c) Creation of post Laureateships and award of prizes for books in regional languages:- With a view to encourage development of the four South Indian languages, the Government have sanctioned the creation of poet laureateships, one for each of the four regional languages of the Province, viz., Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam

Kannada and one for Sanskrit. They have also instituted prizes for the best books written in various selected subjects in the four South Indian languages. The poets for the laureateships will be chosen once in five years, with the help of Committees which will be specially constituted, for the purpose, from amongst those who are residents of and belong to this Province. The selected poets will be paid Rs. 1,000/- a year during the period of their laureateshi The subjects for the award of prizes have for the present been divided into 12 groups and in these groups six prices for the best books for each of the regional languages will be given every year for a period of five years. The value of the prizes will be Rs. 500/- for each work in Tamil and Telugu and Rs. 250/- for each work in Malayalam and Kannada.

The total cost of the scheme will be Rs. 14,000/- per annum recurring. The Committees for the selection of poet laureateships referred to above have not yet been constituted. During the currant year four prizes of Rs. 500/- each have already been awarded to the best books in Tamil, in the four groups (1) History, Economics, Politics and Sociology, (2) Physics and Chemistry, (3) Research work and (4) Prose works. The cultural associations or institutions in co-operation with whom the other prizes for the best books in various subjects in the languages as well as the occasions on which the prizes should be given are under consideration. It is not therefore likely that further expenditure on this scheme will be incurred during the current year.

2. The total expenditure during the year amounts to Rs. 7,250/- and accordingly a sum of Rs. 7,300/- is included in the supplementary estimate. The expenditure is on a 'new service'.

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The supplementary estimate of expenditure has been passed by the Legislature. The papers may now be recorded.

(Extracts of Assistant Secretary's remarks on page 1 ante have been taken for separate action. The case will be submitted for orders as soon as the original papers regarding the award of prizes which are put up in a file now in circulation becomes available).

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